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SUBJ: QUADRIPARTITE MEETINGS ON BERLIN AND GERMANY:  
BERLIN AND THE EC

1. AT THE MAY 7 SENIOR LEVEL MEETINGS, THE FOUR REPRESENTATIVES APPROVED THE BONN GROUP PAPER ON BERLIN AND THE EC. THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO A FULL ANALYSIS OF THE ISSUE BY THE GROUP FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL.

2. VAN WELL MADE A STRONG PRESENTATION OF GENSCHER'S VIEW ON THE NEED FOR SOME SETTLEMENT OF THE BERLIN QUESTION IN THE AREA OF APPLICATION CLAUSE BEFORE THE EC-SOVIET FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WENT MUCH FURTHER. GENSCHER FELT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE TRYING TO LEAVE OPEN THE POLITICAL POINTS OF DISPUTE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SOLVE ALL OTHERS SO AS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE FORMER AS THE NEGOTIATIONS COME TO A CLOSE. GENSCHER COULD NOT  
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ACCEPT THIS APPROACH. HE HAD RAISED HIS POSITION WITH THE EC MINISTERS EARLIER THIS MONTH AND HAD RECEIVED THEIR SUPPORT. THE GERMAN VIEW WAS THAT THE SOVIETS WERE INTERESTED ENOUGH IN THE AGREEMENT THAT THEY WOULD NOT, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, ALLOW IT TO BE BLOCKED BY THE BERLIN ISSUE.

3. HIBBERT ACCEPTED VAN WELL'S POINTS BUT SAID THE UK SIDE DEPLORED THE TENDENCY IN THE EC TO REFER TO THE AREA OF APPLICATION CLAUSE AS THE BERLIN CLAUSE. THIS SIMPLY MADE IT MORE OF A PRESTIGE ISSUE FOR THE SOVIETS AND, AFTER ALL, THE CLAUSE WAS NOT INTENDED ONLY TO SERVE BERLIN PURPOSES. VAN WELL AND DE LA BOULAYE AGREED WITH THIS CRITICISM OF THE EC NEGOTIATORS AND IT WAS AGREED THAT HIBBERT, IN REPORTING TO THE FOUR MINISTERS ON MAY 9, WOULD NOTE THIS POINT.

4. HIBBERT COMMENTED THAT THE PRESENT CLAUSE IN THE EC DRAFT FISHERIES AGREEMENT MIGHT REQUIRE SLIGHT TEXTUAL MODIFICATION TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SOME CONCERNS OF OTHER ALLIES, SUCH AS THE NORWEGIANS. HE SAID, IN REPLY TO ANDREANI'S QUESTION, THAT THE REVISION MIGHT ALSO MAKE THE CLAUSE MARGINALLY MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS AS WELL. ANDREANI SAID THAT, IN THAT CASE, THE EC NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD USE THE TEXTUAL MODIFICATION AT THE PROPER MOMENT WITH THE SOVIETS IN ORDER TO PRESENT IT AS A CONCESSION.

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